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Identical letters dated 10 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing in order to draw your attention to the most recent terrorist attacks perpetrated against the citizens of Israel — the continuous firing of Kassam rockets.

From 5 July to 9 July 2006, 33 Kassam rockets were launched against the State of Israel. Of these, 22 rockets landed on Israeli soil, including many that struck inside the city of Sderot and surrounding localities.

These latest attacks damaged a factory and greenhouse, destroyed a private home and produced two fires. Seven people were wounded in this wave of aggression: one was injured moderately, two lightly and three were treated for shock.

These Kassam rocket attacks represent a serious and continuing escalation of the current situation. They are intended to produce damage, injury and death. Moreover, they are intentionally provocative, and as such, they show a flagrant disregard for the safety of people on all sides of the conflict.

Since Israel's disengagement from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank in August 2005, Palestinian terrorists have fired more than 660 Kassam rockets towards Israel. No State could countenance such an assault on its very existence.

I submit the present letter in follow-up to numerous letters detailing the campaign of Palestinian terrorism launched in September 2000, which document the crimes for which the terrorists and their supporters must be held fully accountable.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dan **Gillerman**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

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Letter dated 10 July 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued at the Ninth Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Iraq's Neighbouring Countries on the Grave Situation in Palestine. The meeting was held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 8 and 9 July 2006 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly under agenda items 14, 31 and 108 and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mehdi **Danesh-Yazdi**
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 July 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ninth Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Iraq's Neighbouring Countries on the Grave Situation in Palestine

Tehran, 17 and 18 Tir 1385 (8 and 9 July 2006)

The Foreign Ministers of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Iraq, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the State of Kuwait, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Turkey, as well as the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, participating in the Ninth Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Iraq's Neighbouring Countries, held in Tehran on 17 and 18 Tir 1385, corresponding to 12 and 13 Jamdi al-Thani 1427 and 8 and 9 July 2006, discussed the current grave situation in Gaza and its dangerous implications for security and stability in the entire region, and agreed as follows:

Reaffirming their solidarity with and their support for the Palestinian people, the Palestine Authority and their elected President and Government, and also emphasizing the need for the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, the Ministers strongly condemned the recent inhuman Israeli acts, including its extensive military attacks against the innocent Palestinian people, their elected Government officials and their political and economic institutions and infrastructure as gross violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and numerous Security Council resolutions and called for an immediate end to such attacks, which openly threaten international peace and security.

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Identical letters dated 12 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

It is with a great sense of urgency and grave concern that I write you this letter of strong protest about the grave events occurring today on Israel's northern border with Lebanon. This morning, Hezbollah terrorists unleashed a barrage of heavy artillery and rockets into Israel, causing a number of deaths. In the midst of this horrific and unprovoked act, the terrorists infiltrated Israel and kidnapped two Israeli soldiers, taking them into Lebanon.

Responsibility for this belligerent act of war lies with the Government of Lebanon, from whose territory these acts have been launched into Israel. Responsibility also lies with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic, which support and embrace those who carried out this attack.

These acts pose a grave threat not just to Israel's northern border, but also to the region and the entire world. The ineptitude and inaction of the Government of Lebanon has led to a situation in which it has not exercised jurisdiction over its own territory for many years. The Security Council has addressed this situation time and time again in its debates and resolutions. Let me remind you also that Israel has repeatedly warned the international community about this dangerous and potentially volatile situation. In this vacuum festers the Axis of Terror: Hezbollah and the terrorist States of Iran and Syria, which have today opened another chapter in their war of terror.

Today's act is a clear declaration of war, and is in blatant violation of the Blue Line, Security Council resolutions 425 (1978), 1559 (2004) and 1680 (2006) and all other relevant resolutions of the United Nations since Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon in May 2000.

Israel thus reserves the right to act in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and exercise its right of self-defence when an armed attack is

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launched against a Member of the United Nations. The State of Israel will take the appropriate actions to secure the release of the kidnapped soldiers and bring an end to the shelling that terrorizes our citizens.

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dan **Gillerman**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Identical letters dated 13 July 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that the Lebanese Council of Ministers held an emergency meeting on 12 July 2006 to address the situation on the Blue Line and then issued the following statement:

"The Lebanese Government was not aware of the events that occurred and are occurring on the international Lebanese border.

"The Lebanese Government is not responsible for these events and does not endorse them.

"The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the Israeli aggressions that targeted and are targeting the vital and civil Lebanese infrastructure.

"For these reasons, the Lebanese Government calls for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss and address these aggressions.

"The Lebanese Government expresses its willingness to negotiate through the United Nations and third parties in order to address the events that occurred, the results of these events, and the reasons that instigated them."

I kindly request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziade**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Identical letters dated 13 July 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency of the latest Israeli aggressions against Lebanon.

Israeli warplanes have struck the Rafiq Al-Hariri International Airport in Beirut and damaged the three main runways. They have also struck the small military airport of Qlaiat in northern Lebanon and the Lebanese airforce base in Rayak, in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Israel has imposed an air, sea and land blockade on Lebanon. Israeli warships entered Lebanese territorial waters to operate the blockade from the sea.

Up to now, Israeli raids have killed 53 civilians in Lebanon.

Israeli military jets have destroyed nine bridges and cut off roads linking Beirut to the south. They have also destroyed the bridges which link Bint Jbeil, Tyre and Marjayoun to Sidon and Nabatieh.

Israeli air and artillery strikes have destroyed an electrical substation, residential buildings and government offices.

I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziade**
Charge d'affaires a.i.

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